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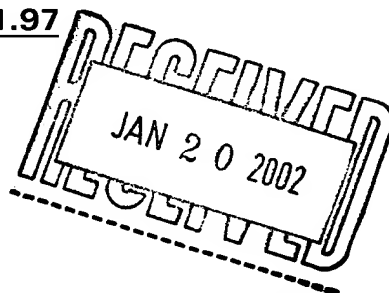
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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Korean Office Action that issued December 31, 2002, with respect to a counterpart Korean patent application is provided below.

"The invention of the subject application has the objective of offering a network node that enables virtual channels to be shared among a plurality of Mux/Demux units so that virtual channel discriminators can be economically allocated to user cells in accordance with specified traffic requirements of other transfer routes, and could be easily invented by a person skilled in the art from the ATM transmission system described in Cited Example 1, which is constituted by an ATM cross-connected network, in which local switches LS are mutually connected, and a signaling network composed of a plurality of relay switches TS, which have

a regional control function for a previously designated transfer in the ATM cross-connected network, and transfers control signals between local switches LS; and an ATM switch cited in Cited Example 2, which includes a processor discriminator and an automatic configuration processor that transmits initialization messages including ATM switch port position information.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Japanese Unexamined Patent Application
Publication H07-099541 (4/11/1995)

Attachment 2: WO 9933318 (7/1/1999)"

Applicant's statements regarding the Korean Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Korean Office Action.

Applicant respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

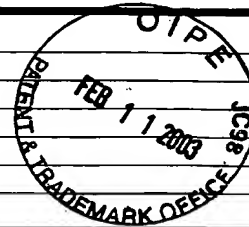
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